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Statement from Dean Daniel L. Clay
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Free expression is at the core of the university's values and we respect everyone's right to free speech. I appreciate the individuals who are coming forward to today to share their concerns and comments regarding the candidacy of Dr. Larry James. I will review any information they provide and make sure the search committee also receives the information.

James is one of two finalists for the Division Executive Director position at the MU College of Education. He was selected, along with Dr. Matthew Burns, as a finalist because the search committee believed his leadership and management experiences aligned well with the minimum and desired qualifications for the position.

The search committee was aware of the allegations against James and investigated those allegations thoroughly. He has not been sanctioned for any professional or ethical misconduct by any state or appeals court, or any licensing board or accrediting body.

James currently serves as the dean of the School of Professional Psychology at Wright State University, a position he has held for five years. He served in the military for 22 years retiring as a Colonel and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Defense Superior Service Medal. He is board certified in Clinical Psychology and Health Psychology. He is past president of the American Board of Health Psychology and president-elect for the Division of Military Psychology of the American Psychological Association.

This has been, and will continue to be, an open and transparent search. I have confidence in the work of the search committee as they continue to move forward with this process. All of us at the college value and respect the opinions of our faculty, staff and students, as well as the members of our community who have come forward today.





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